

Assembly Bill 234

Presentation to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education

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AB234 Overview

Academic Standards

- Requires the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools to include multicultural education in the standards of content and performance for social studies
- Consultation with members of the community who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of this State in developing such standards.

Educator Licensure

- Teacher initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015, to submit with renewal proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education
- Requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to prescribe the contents and credits required for such a course in multicultural education.

AB234 (Sections 2 & 3) – Educator Licensure

1. *Any licensed teacher who is initially licensed on or after July 1, 2015, except for a teacher who is licensed only as a substitute teacher, must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license to teach proof of the completion of a course in multicultural education. If the licensed teacher is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license to teach.*
2. *The Commission shall adopt regulations:*
 - (a) *That **prescribe the required contents** of a course in multicultural education which must be completed pursuant to this section;*
 - (b) *That **prescribe the number of credits** which must be earned by a licensed teacher in a course in multicultural education; and*
 - (c) *As otherwise **necessary to carry out the requirements** of this section.*

On or before January 1, 2016, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this act.

Educator License Types

Initial NON-RENEWABLE

(3 years)

coursework/testing provisions

Initial STANDARD

(5 years)

all requirements met; 6 credits to renew

Initial PROFESSIONAL

(6 years)

masters degree

all requirements met; 6 credits to renew

**NAC 391.065 Renewal of license:
Educational and professional requirements; exception.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the educational prerequisites for renewal of a license are as follows:
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a license that is renewable may be renewed if its holder earns **6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent** during the term of the license.
 - (b) The holder of a license issued on a specialist's or doctor's degree or a National Board Certification must show evidence of professional growth in the area of endorsement during the term of the license.
2. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a license pursuant to NAC 391.073.

NAC 391.075 Renewal of license: Credits and courses.

1. Credits for renewal may be earned by:

(a) Attending a course at, or taking a correspondence course given by, an **accredited college or university**, attending any **state or national conference which has been approved by the Department** to offer credit for continuing education or taking an **in-service course offered by the Department** or a **continuing education course offered by a provider who is approved by the Commission** if the course or conference:

(1) Is directly related to the person's current license or will enhance the effectiveness of the person's teaching;

(2) Is in a subject for which shortages of personnel, as determined by the Board, exist; or

(3) Is part of an approved program leading to an advanced degree;

NAC 391.075 Renewal of license: Credits and courses.

2. One credit will be given for the completion of 15 hours of:
 - (a) Course work at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association;
 - (b) In-service courses offered by the Department; or
 - (c) Classroom instruction in continuing education or attendance at a conference for which continuing education credits may be earned, if the state or national professional organization or association and the course or conference have been approved by the Department at least 15 days before the course or conference commences....

5. A person is entitled to receive 6 credits for the completion of the requirements for the National Board Certification

AB234 Timeline

Monday, Sept. 21	Work Group Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 1	Work Group Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 15	Work Group Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Commission on Professional Standards – Regulation Workshop
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Commission on Professional Standards – Regulation Hearing
TBA	Legislative Commission Approval